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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION IMPORTER OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES NOTICE OF REGISTRATION NORAMCO, INC.

By Notice dated August 14, 2013, and published in the Federal Register on August 21, 2013, 78 FR 51747, Noramco, Inc., 1440 Olympic Drive, Athens, Georgia 30601, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of the following basic classes of controlled substances:

Drug	Schedule
Phenylacetone (8501)	II
Thebaine (9333)	II
Poppy Straw Concentrate (9670)	) II
Tapentadol (9780)	II

The company plans to import Thebaine (9333) analytical standards for distribution to its customers. The company plans to import an intermediate form of Tapentadol (9780)

to bulk manufacture Tapentadol for distribution to its customers. The company plans to import the Phenylacetone (8501) in bulk for the manufacture of a controlled substance.

Comments and requests for hearings on applications to import narcotic raw material are not appropriate.  $72\ FR$  3417(2007).

In reference to the non-narcotic raw material, any bulk manufacturer who is presently, or is applying to be, registered with DEA to manufacture such basic classes of controlled substances listed in schedules I or II, which fall under the authority of section 1002(a)(2)(B) of the Act (21 USC § 952(a)(2)(B)) may, in the circumstances set forth in 21 USC § 958(i), file comments or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration and may, at the same time, file a written request for a hearing on such application pursuant to 21 CFR § 1301.43, and in such form as prescribed by 21 CFR § 1316.47.

DEA has considered the factors in 21 USC § 823(a) and § 952(a) and determined that the registration of Noramco, Inc., to import the basic classes of controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971. DEA

has investigated Noramco, Inc., to ensure that the company's registration is consistent with the public interest. The investigation has included inspection and testing of the company's physical security systems, verification of the company's compliance with state and local laws, and a review of the company's background and history. Therefore, pursuant to 21 USC § 952(a) and § 958(a), and in accordance with 21 CFR § 1301.34, the above named company is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed.

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